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FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
WESTERN DIVISION

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY )  
COMMISSION and CONSTANCE AMOS )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

No. 00-2923 Ma/A

AUTOZONE, INC., )

Defendant. )

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF EEOC'S MOTION TO BIFURCATE

Before the court is plaintiff Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (the "EEOC") "Renewed Motion to Bifurcate the Issues of Liability and Individual Relief During the Trial of this Case," filed on September 2, 2004. Defendant AutoZone, Inc. ("AutoZone") filed a response on October 12, 2004.

The EEOC's "renewed" motion to bifurcate is its second motion requesting bifurcation of the issues of liability and compensatory damages in this case. The EEOC filed its first motion to bifurcate these issues on October 22, 2001. The court denied the earlier motion, in an order dated February 25, 2002, stating:

With respect to the motion to bifurcate the issues of liability and individual relief, that motion is premature. After discovery is concluded, the Court can evaluate the manner in which the case should be tried and make an appropriate resolution of the bifurcation motion in connection with final pretrial preparation. The EEOC may renew this motion after the close of discovery.

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February 25, 2002, Order Denying Bifurcation, at 2.

The EEOC filed this renewed motion to bifurcate on September 2, 2004, when the discovery deadline in the suit was February 23, 2005. Consequently, when this "renewed" motion was filed, it was still premature.

For the foregoing reasons, plaintiff EEOC's motion to bifurcate is DENIED.

So ORDERED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005.



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SAMUEL H. MAYS, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



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